

MINUTES

COA Governance Committee

December 10, 2014

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

ATTENDANCE: Marcy Amore, Nancy Goodwin, Bill Scott, and Carol Hamilton.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Marcy makes a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2014 and Bill Scott seconds the motion. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION: The committee re-wrote individually a sample vision statement based on the previous meeting. We read them all and critiqued them once again. Below are some examples

First Example: The Marshfield Council on Aging is a shining example of an admired human service organization meeting the health, safety and educational needs of our seniors, to provide continued support with new programs and services and encourage the participation of all the elders in our community to maximize their quality of life and wellness and to treat all with respect.

Second Example: The Marshfield Council on Aging is a non-profit organization that serves and advocates for seniors of varied ages, assisting them in a multitude of ways to live healthy, happy, dignified and secure lives while aging in place in our community. With the support of the town, local businesses organizations, and the Booster fund raising arm, the Council operates an outstanding Senior Center where both paid and volunteer staff provide a large variety of excellent programs in areas related to wellness, fitness, higher education, recreation, volunteerism and socialization, in addition to providing information and referrals for more specific needs. We strive to meet national standards for best practices in all that we do to inspire and uplift the lives of Marshfield's seniors.

Third Example; The Marshfield Council on Aging is a shining example of an admired human service organization serving the health, safety, educational and social needs of the senior community. It operates from facilities that are welcoming, safe, well maintained, well- staffed, to adequately meet the needs of seniors and the town. The COA has the support of the town Boosters, local businesses and organization.

The Committee felt that we should go back to the drawing board on the vision statement and present it at the next governance meeting for review. The sub-committee also reviewed the latest amendments to evaluation policy. The words "key staff members" was inserted in place of social service coordinator, and the word "interviews" was replaced with the word "meetings". The Governance Committee will now give the Evaluation Policy to the COA Board at their December meeting for a thirty day review period.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2015 @ 1:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hamilton, Director Council on Aging

